

Ship Bottom Taxpayers Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 10/06/22

Attendees: Barbara Bishop, Karen Drucker, Rob Vidal, Greg Fath, Denise Cleveland, Kat Leifeste, Joanne Tallon, Blair Stiefbold, Dan von Schaumburg

Meeting opened at 7:06 pm. Minutes from 8/31/22 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Balance in account is reconciled at \$2,294.77. Rob provided his monthly treasurer's report for both August and September, along with TD Bank statements from the same time period. Barbara had sent the reports via email this afternoon with the specifics. Approval given for checks written to Julia Vidal and for the website upgrades that are taking place. There is also a \$220 Give Butter deposit is pending.

Barbara welcomed the three new board members: Greg Fath, Secretary, Kat Leifeste, Board Member, and Denise Cleveland, Board Member.

Committee Reports:

Beautification – Dan provided the following updates: 1) All items at Sunset Point have been addressed with the exception of having additional outlets installed, including a new roof, railings & lighting, along with a brand-new sign, 2) There is still \$1900 in the bank, 3) October 22nd will be the fall clean up at Sunset Point, and 4) Dan is working with Kathleen Flanagan to provide a thank you lunch for all workers who helped with the ongoing maintenance.

Bike/Pedestrian Safety – Karen connected with JCTA to do something island wide. They asked Karen to reach out for the local bike shops and to ask questions for which she wasn't comfortable. However, she did find out that the group was looking for bike tags. One recommendation was to ask our Police Chief to hand out minor tickets to spread the word about bike safety. Denise brought up a concern about legitimacy of doing this. Maybe a warning would be a better way to go. Karen will follow up with Chief Potter. Another suggestion was placing stickers on rental bikes with specific rules to be followed. Barbara brought up positive incentives such as getting a "free ice cream" ticket for kids caught following all the rules. There are also bike signs that could help with the overall safety prerogative. Joanne brought up a dismount solution to help as well and Barbara would like to share this with the JCTA. Finally, Karen is going to follow up with the Chief on signs that she saw at Costco today.

Membership/Newsletter – Barbara would like to have someone take ownership of this task. It is very time consuming for her. She doesn't mind passing on pertinent information; however, she really needs assistance.

Old Business:

Ship Bottom Budget – No further update on a budget meeting with Kathleen Flanagan. Barbara knows that budgets are going to be formulated in the very near future.

JCTA Beach/Town Clean-up – We are going to have a joint beach/town clean up on October 22nd. Barbara stressed that it can be anywhere in town, not just the beach. The JCTA is creating a flyer for all the towns on LBI with specific information as it pertains to each town.

Dune Fencing/Signage – Barbara said there is still a lot of work that needs to happen here and there hasn't been much movement at this time. Barbara will get in touch with Public Works to see if they are only focusing on “stay off the dune” or other signs with more of the general rules that need to be followed. The NO NO NO signs definitely need to be updated. Barbara will have more info at next month's meeting.

Website – Barbara shared all the updates that have been performed for our website and asked for any other changes/suggestions that our members feel will make it even more worthwhile.

Membership Meeting Recap – Barbara asked for feedback on what our members thought about the general membership meeting. Feedback was positive. Blair was surprised how few people actually went to the following school board meeting. He did suggest having the contract posted on our website. One of the caveats is that the developer is going to “donate” two parcels of land that have tideland parcels associated with it. The borough does not have to accept this “donation”. Barbara explained there are still many issues to overcome, including the fact that the area is still zoned “Public”. More to follow on the school sale.

New Business:

Insurance – Barbara said that we have not purchased any insurance. We are going to see what the other taxpayer associations have in place so that we can obtain some level of protection. There were different types of insurance we may need like event insurance and cyber insurance. We will find out more and more forward with what needs to take place.

Event planning –

- **Halloween (Scarecrow contest, Trunk or treat)** – The event will be there on the 21st. Barbara will use her car and will decorate it. Barbara is asking for candy or snacks. The town is expecting approximately 1,000 participants.
- **Christmas Float – sponsorship for Christmas Parade** – Joe Oliver is very excited about having a float in the Christmas Parade. Karen is going to reach out to Joe for an update. Rob volunteered his vocal group to play

some Christmas tunes during the parade as well. He will connect with Joe. Karen will find out when applications are due to be in the parade.

- **Wine Crawl/tasting** – No update at this time. Harvey Cedars is doing it this year so Barbara said we may want to participate to see what it entails.
- **Restaurant Week** – No volunteers, so we are going to drop this potential event at this time.
- **Block-off cutout for an event (chalk painting/outside dining)** – Kat did some research on this type of event. It is a very large undertaking and she thinks that if we want to look into this, we should start small. Her suggestion is maybe having children from the local schools to be the artists. She needs some direction on costs, time commitments, volunteers, sponsors, logistics, etc.

Regular monthly meetings are now the first Thursday night of each month. Barbara inquired about utilizing the library for meetings maybe starting in the Spring. Kat said she is a member of Holy Trinity and we could possibly use their library as well. Barbara said we sent thank you notes to Ferrara's and the Mayor for helping with our general membership session. We think the next general meeting will be next June. Tonight's meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm. Minutes submitted by Greg Fath.